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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

We switched to Sonic fiber internet and phone service after getting fed up with AT&T DSL service. AT&T's customer service was terrible, internet speeds were slow and there were constantly problems with their billing. Sonic is local, responsive, great customer service and we like to support small companies that bring jobs to local communities. Sonic is based in Santa Rosa and we live San Francisco.

I am fed up with all the BS coming out Washington DC, as well as local governments about how we need to be more business friendly but all the policies being shoved down on us only benefit huge corporations, wealthy people who own them, and screw anybody that cannot afford to hire big money lobbyists.

There is no such thing as a free market when a small group of big players make all the rules in their favor. That's called a monarchy/feudalism, it's why the colonies rebelled against England.

I heard that AT&T and their trade association, USTelecom, have recently petitioned the FCC to take away access to critical unbundled network elements. These unbundled elements are critical last-mile copper and inter-city backhaul; the very technology that allowed Sonic to grow, expand fiber deployment, backhaul those deployments, and compete. Without access to this infrastructure, Sonic is at risk of losing access to a huge portion of our customer base, leading to potentially higher rates, less fiber deployment, and even less options for consumers.

This is unacceptable!

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